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SUBJECT: ANGOLA--DISCUSSION WITH ZAIRE AMBASSADOR

1. ZAIRE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST INFORMED ME AFTERNOON JANUARY 8 OF SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ZAIRE AND PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY EARLIER THIS WEEK. THIS WAS IN CONTEXT OF MY GIVING HIM GENERAL BRIEFING ON SCHAUFELLE-HOUPHOUET CONVERSATIONS HERE.

2. ZAIRE REPRESENTATIVE VISITED LIBREVILLE, ABIDJAN AND DAKAR TO UNIFY POSITIONS FOR OAU SUMMIT AND FOUND STRONG COOPERATION ASSURED.

3. ZAIRE AMBASSADOR ALSO TOLD ME THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA HAD VISITED KINSHASA, LIBREVILLE AND ABIDJAN JUST AHEAD OF SCHAUFELLE VISITS AND HAS ASSURED PRESIDENTS THOSE THREE COUNTRIES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER OAU MEETING. THIS WAS FIRST INFORMATION I HAD HEARD OF SOUTH AFRICANS BEING HERE. HE SAID THAT IN ZAIRE THEY WERE RECEIVED BY MOBUTU AT HIS COUNTRY HOME, NOT RPT NOT IN KINSHASA.

4. ZAIRE IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED BY POSITIONING OF EX-KATANGA GENDARMES IN PROVINCE ACROSS THE ORDER FROM SHABA. ZAIRE FEELS THIS AS DIRECT THREAT TO ITS LIFELINES. IN ADDITION, ZAIRE FEARS SOVIET/CUBAN SUPPORTED MPLA EFFORT TO JOIN UP ACROSS MOUTH OF ZAIRE RIVER. THESE TWO MOVES TOGETHER WOULD CUT OFF EXPORT

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ROUTES FOR 70 PERCENT OF ZAIRE'S EXPORTS.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PASS ABOVE INFORMATION PARA 3 TO OTHER COUNTRIES MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION. WE SHALL SEEK CONFIRMATION HERE. SMITH

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